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Col. Keith A. Landry assumes command of Louisville District Army Corps of Engineers

Louisville, KY – Col. Keith A. Landry took command of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District in a change of command ceremony Wednesday, July 9.

The Louisville District provides planning, engineering, construction, contracting, real estate, emergency operations, and regulatory services to military, federal and local government entities and the public. The district supports both civil and military missions in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Michigan. The district operates 20 flood control lakes and eight locks and dams on the Ohio River.

"I am reminded of a bit of advice I received from a wise cavalry officer. He told me never to try and be the commander I wanted to be, but instead I should seek to be the commander my unit deserves," Col. Landry said. "Fellow members of this great team, I will strive to do just that as we face the challenges before us."

Landry received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in 1985 after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. with a degree in civil engineering. His civilian education also includes an executive masters from Benedictine College, a master of science in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and a doctorate in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a registered engineer in Virginia.

Landry served as a platoon leader, company executive officer battalion assistant, battalion adjutant, company commander, battalion intelligence officer, battalion operations office, battalion commander and division engineer during assignments with the 65th Engineer Combat Battalion, the 33rd Engineer Combat Battalion, the 12th Engineer Combat Battalion, the 44th Engineer Combat Battalion, the 92nd Engineer Combat Battalion, and the 3rd Infantry Division.

Additionally, Landry has completed five overseas tours in Hawaii, Germany, the Republic of Korea and Iraq and three combat tours of duty during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Between tactical assignments Landry taught engineering, mathematics and military leadership courses during two tours of duty at the United States Military Academy.

"I am honored to join this high-performing team," incoming commander Landry said.

Landry was born in Jacksonville, N.C. but hails from Beaufort, S.C.

Col. Raymond G. Midkiff, the outgoing Louisville District Commander who served since 2005, retired from the Army and plans to settle in San Antonio, Texas.

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